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AMMAN PLEASE HOLD FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY AND AMBASSADOR ANDERSON
USIA FOR INA, IOR, IPS, IBA

SUMMARY: VANCE TRIP PARTIALLY PUSHED OFF FRONT PAGE OF PRO-
GOVERNMENT FRENCH PRESS AUGUST 4, BUT CONTINUES AS LEAD STORY IN
DESPITE LARGE DEGREE OF U.S. EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT, U.S. POSITION ON
PALESTINIANS REMAINS UNCHANGED. END SUMMARY.

1. PRO-GOVERNMENT MORNING FRENCH PRESS RELEGATES VANCE TRIP TO
INSIDE PAGES TODAY, RELYING ENTIRELY ON AFP REPORTS. ARABIC PAPERS
WITH GOVERNMENT BIAS HAVE MORE EXTENSIVE COMMENT: "AL MITHAQ AL
WATANI" PUBLISHES PURPORTED "PSYCHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS" OF ISRAEL, CLAIMS
ISRAEL FOMENTS WAR BECAUSE SHE FEARS PEACE WILL BRING ABOUT
HER FINAL ABSORPTION INTO THE REGION'S MAINSTREAM AND LOSS OF HER
UNIQUE IDENTITY.

THEREFORE, "EVERYTIME SHE FEELS PEACE APPROACHING, SHE MULTIPLIES
OBSTACLES SO AS TO AVOID IT." "AL ANBA" (MINISTRY OF INFORMATION)
SAYS NEGOCIATIONS HAVE RUN INTO A WALL, BUT "SUGGESTION OF FORMATION
OF A WORKING GROUP OFFERS SOME SMALL HOPE OF ATTAINING
PEACE." AFTERNOON "MAROC SOIR" RETURNS STORY TO FRONT-PAGE

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LEAD USING AFP, HEADLINES "IN DAMASCUS, VANCE BEGINS THE MOST
DIFFICULT PART OF HIS TRIP."

2. OPPOSITION PRESS, AS USUAL, MORE CRITICAL. "MUHARRIR"
(SOCIALIST) REPRINTS "FIGARO" EDITORIAL ACCUSING SADAT OF
GIVING EVERYTHING TO VANCE AND RECEIVING NOTHING IN RETURN.
SAME PAPER SAYS WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL IS "U.S.'S AND EGYPT'S
LAST ATTEMPT TO SAVE FACE." ISTIQLAL'S "L'OPINION" USES SEQUENCE

OF WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, HEADLINES ANNOUNCED EGYPT-SYRIA-JORDAN
SUMMIT AND POINTEDLY NOTES EXCLUSION OF SOVIETS FROM PROPOSED
WORKING GROUP TALKS. COMMUNIST "AL BAYANE" TOO ABSTAINS FROM
COMMENT EXCEPT INsofar AS ITS CHOICE OF WIRE SERVICE ITEMS
REFLECTS ITS VIEWS - IN THIS CASE, HIGHLIGHTING PLO SPOKESMAN'S
COMPLAINT THAT SADAT FAILED TO MENTION PLO AMONG " INTERESTED
NATIONS" TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING GROUP TALKS.MOFFAT

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